

# Plumbline

ORANGEWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 2019

## Pastor Page's Pastor Page

Jesus says "You are the salt of the earth." (Matthew 5:13) Salt was a valuable commodity in the ancient world, not so much because it was a seasoning, but because it was a preservative. Salt could make your meat and your vegetables last for months. If you wanted you and your family to survive through the winter, you needed salt.

Jesus says "You are the light of the world." (Matthew 5:14) If you remember the last time the power was out at your house, you know a little bit about what the ancient world was like at night. One little candle can make a huge difference in a dark room. You go from paralyzed, not wanting to move about for fear of bumping into things, to being able to move, work, visit with family, see the smiles on your loved ones' faces.

Both of these images are not about what Jesus does for us. They are about what we can do for others after Jesus has done for us. Compared to a lot of other denominations, Presbyterians are a little less about getting saved, and much more about "now that we are saved, so what?" We believe that God does the work of salvation, and that receiving it is easy. Then we get to the hard work.

So what? What difference is it going to make that we are now part of God's family? Are we going to respond to God's blessings by being a blessing to those around us?

YOU are the salt of the earth! It is your job to preserve, to ensure people's survival through the winter, through the famine.

YOU are the light of the world. A single candle – YOU – can make an enormous difference! You can enable people to move, to work, to love. You can enable people to see God's love and to come to the Kingdom of Heaven.

***Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.***

Ken



## Fall Festival

October 27 4 - 6 pm

Chili Cook-Off, Hot Dogs,  
Cowboy Ken Sing-Along, Free Pony Rides



Fall Festival is just around the corner. Temperatures are falling, so let's celebrate the beginning of our beautiful Arizona weather. Get out your favorite western attire and enjoy a good old fashion cowboy cookout. We will be grilling hot dogs and enjoying chili. Children can ride a pony, play games, sing-a-long with Cowboy Ken and participate in the cakewalk.

Entries for the Chili Cook-off should be delivered to Page Hall between 5:30 and 6:00 pm. Cakes for the cakewalk can be placed in the Page Hall Kitchen Refrigerator after service. All proceeds from the Fall Festival will be donated to provide scholarships for trip fees and housing for our Rocky Point Mission. Through Amore Orangewood Volunteers have built over 50 homes. We are pleased to have the opportunity to support this work.

## From Despair to Hope

**From the Trans-World Radio Canada Team**

As we look at the plight of women around the world, we see such suffering that at times it is hard to comprehend. We also see great joy! We see joy when a woman who has never been told she is loved learns she is loved unconditionally by the Creator of the universe. We see joy when a lonely woman finds friendship and acceptance in a prayer group. We see joy when a woman finds support after being abandoned. We see great joy when a woman finds her healing and hope in Jesus! Like the woman in the parable of the lost coin, we rejoice when someone is saved; and we too experience "joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents". (Luke 15:10, ESV).

Praise the Lord with us as you read this story of a 22-year-old Turkish woman we'll call Merve. This is her story. "My mother got pregnant with me after she was raped. Therefore, she didn't want me, and she gave me to an orphanage. A family adopted me, but I had a hard life. I found my real mother years later and wanted to see her, but she didn't want to see me. The family that adopted me didn't adopt me because they wanted a daughter, but rather because they wanted someone who would serve them; I was always treated differently from the other children at home. When I turned 18, they sold me to an older man, and my life became worse. I'm still married because I don't have any place to go. I know I have talked a lot about my bad life, but the real reason why I called you is that I have accepted Christ in my life, and I wanted to share that joy with someone. It has been four months now. **I feel so worthy now.** Thanks so much for your programs."

Note: Orangewood supports TransWorld Radio through its annual budget. Women of Hope is TWR's ministry specifically directed toward women in need.



## Rocky Point Food

It is that time of year again, and we are looking for donations of food for the Rocky Point trip. Beginning October 13 you can sign up on the patio to bring food or you can make a donation of money for food and someone else will do the shopping.

## September Session Notes

OPC Session met on September 17. Our first order of business was to interview and then vote to receive Erica Korbut and Samantha Inninen for membership by reaffirmation of faith. Welcome! Next we had a visit from Pam Watts, Director of Creative Bridges. She gave us an update on the school and then we went on a tour of the classrooms to see the many improvements that have been made. Creative Bridges has been on the OPC campus for 30 years!!!. The current population is 197 students, 37 of whom have special needs. Pam emphasized the benefits of these students working together. Please also give thanks to Jeni DeBenedetti when you see her for her work on obtaining the Certificate of Occupancy.

Other updates:

- Our treasurer reported that finances are currently in good shape. This is good news for this time of year!
- Nine OPC members attended the Big Event at the Presbytery meeting on August 24. The next meeting is November 2 in Prescott.
- Pastor Ken reported that he is enjoying working with the youth. About 9-14 regularly attend on Sunday evenings. Ken also reported that conversations have begun with Westminster about doing some things together. Stand by for updates.
- The African Fellowship has agreed to record finances for reporting and accountability and has begun to record attendance. The children are now well supervised but there is no Sunday school during this time.
- Mission: The Session approved a motion to add specific language to the trip covenant, which is signed by each participant, about having 2 adults present with children. Formal background checks will be required only for people who are specifically going to work with children.
- Facilities: Bob Wells reported that the committee is planning a work day in November. Four new air conditioners have been installed, funded from retained earnings. Sanctuary air conditioning is under consideration. An engineering study will be part of next year's budget. Complaints about condition of the "back forty" have been received from neighbors. Bob is getting an estimate for the clean-up. Discussion took place about the roof on the sanctuary. We have lost some copper tiles. They are expensive to replace. A roofer is coming to look at missing shingles and sealing around the air conditioners.
- Personnel: Currently working on performance evaluation for our pastor. Input from the congregation will be sought.
- Children and Youth: Additional volunteers are needed for Sunday morning classes. The task force for finding a youth director has job descriptions under development. A job announcement will go on the internet. The advertisement will be for Director of Youth Ministry, Director of Christian Education or a combination of both (2 part-time or 1 full-time).
- Finance: Insurance investigations are being done for the wedding venue idea. The committee is checking on leases with regard to insurance also. A loss and fire prevention seminar will be held January 18. People from Session will need to attend. 2020 Budget: Bob has distributed the starting point. Session is asked to provide input. We will have a narrative budget for 2020.
- Stewardship: Speakers have been lined up for October. Commitment Sunday is the last Sunday of October.

# Facilities Update for August



## WORKDAY AT THE CHURCH

### November 16 from 8 am to Noon—Followed by a fellowship lunch

The weather is cooling, we're preparing our hearts for the holidays, and it's time to give some of our time and energy to some needed repairs and beautification of our wonderful campus.

We have 7 projects planned for the morning and you can see signup sheets on the patio between worship services. Each project needs a leader and some helpers. Please help us keep our campus prepared for the many missions of the church. Your energy will help us to manage our property without hiring work out. Come join us for some fall fellowship and demonstration of your gifts! Questions on what's involved? Call our Facilities Chair Brent Upson at 602-550-9935 or email: [bwupson@gmail.com](mailto:bwupson@gmail.com)

#### Budget Summary as of August

Utilities	\$27,383 of 42,350 spent -	On Budget
Custodial	\$18,018 of \$28,600 spent-	On Budget
Grounds	\$7,722 of \$13,950 spent-	Under Budget
Maintenance	\$27,067 of \$23,360 spent-	Over Budget
Manse	\$4,276 of \$6,750 spent-	On Budget
Total	\$84,472 of \$115,010 spent-	Over Budget by 7% vs. our plan for this point in the year.

We had a tough summer with our air conditioning units around the campus. Many repairs were required on the sanctuary as well as replacement of 4 systems on the oldest units (25+ years old) on the south education building. The repairs put us over budget for the year in our maintenance budget line while all the other budgets are on track or under for the year.

Next scheduled meeting is October 9 at 1 pm in Room 11.

Thanks to our facilities committee for another month of great progress on our campus: Bob Jenson, Terry Frost, Greg Harris, Joe Miller, Bob

## Welcome

Jacqueline Rose Diamond born to Courtney

3:03 am, Saturday, August 31.

8.3 lbs & 21 1/2 inches long.

Both Mom and Baby are doing great!



## We Need Your Help!

The Personnel Committee is completing a performance evaluation of our Pastor, Ken Page, which will be reviewed with the Session. It would be helpful to Ken and to the Committee to hear from our members. You can help us by thinking about the following questions.

Is our worship challenging you to grow in your faith and become a better disciple?  
Does the worship experience include you, your prayers and concerns in meaningful ways?  
In your personal contact or counseling with Ken, have you found him easy to talk with? A good listener? Able to make helpful referrals as needed?

With only one Pastor, managing multiple priorities is a challenge! How do you think Ken is doing with this?

Do you think Ken is leading our congregation in a positive direction?

There may be other comments or suggestions you want to make. **To comment, please call one of the Personnel Committee members, listed below. We are not collecting names of "who said what," but are interested in common threads and suggestions. Your responses will be summarized, without identifying information:**

<b>David Haskins</b>	<b>(602) 971-0457</b>
<b>Gloria Olsen</b>	<b>(602) 589-8127</b>
<b>Bob Orf</b>	<b>(602) 993-5688</b>
<b>Phebe Packer</b>	<b>(602) 237-5495</b>

Thanks for your help!

## Women

### **BREAKFAST OUT BUNCH**

This month's outing is Wednesday, October 16 at 9:00 am at Candy's Kitchen, 7th St and Thunderbird. To make a reservation call Jean Lee at 602-870-8342.

### **MISSION TOUR**

The congregation is invited to join the Mission Tour of St. Mary's Food Bank on Wednesday, October 23. Carpools will leave from the church parking lot at 9:15. The tour is from 10:00-12:00. Sign up on the patio or by phoning Marilyn Mollman at 602-992-2194.

### **PW BIBLE STUDY**

This season the study is titled "Love Carved in Stone– A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments" by Eugenia Anne Gamble. The monthly discussions are held the first Wednesday of each month through June in Room 11 at 1:00 pm. Study books are available on the patio and at the meetings.

## Welcome

Phoenix Ofelia Lopez born to Dakota Norling

Wednesday, September 25

7 lbs & 19 inches long

Mom and Baby are doing well!





## Finance/Stewardship Committee

It's that time of year again! The annual Stewardship campaign activities will occur in October centered on the theme of "Devoted to Generosity." Speakers in each Sunday service will highlight how funding supports the mission of Orangewood!

Budgeting for the 2020 calendar year is beginning. The Finance Committee will be providing a narrative budget which will illustrate how all our funding impacts our members and community. For example, how does the money we spend on our facilities make a difference in someone's life? Stay tuned for news!

## Congregational Resourcing Team: Craft Collection

Many of our Presbytery's churches are fortunate to have the supplies they need to be able to minister to the children and youth during Sunday school, at youth groups and other youth activities. They learn about the wonders of God, hear the Good News of Jesus Christ and the love he has for them, then have those wonderful stories reinforced with fun crafts and games. Crafts and games help these young learners remember and connect with the lessons even more.

Unfortunately, there are still some of our churches who are unable to keep their cabinets stocked with even the basic supplies. We are asking for you to donate needed items at the November 2 Presbytery meeting to help stock their cabinets for our craft collection.

### List Of Sample Items:

Construction Paper  
Spiral Notebooks  
Washable Markers  
White Glue  
Adult Scissors

Computer Paper  
Colored Pencils  
Pencils  
Glue Sticks  
Tape

Notebook Paper  
Crayons  
Erasers  
Kid's Scissors

If you cannot bring items, gift cards to Walmart are also appreciated so we may purchase addition items needed \*

Thank you for supporting our future!

"Start children off on the way they should go,  
and even when they are old, they will not turn from it."  
Proverbs 22:6

## October Honduras Collections

### Honduras Collections

Our Honduras Team will be leaving in January. It is time to start collecting the essentials for their medical clinic. We would like to be very specific in what we need. We can only take so much and we also want it to be in the right form to make it easy for us to distribute. So in October we are collecting Pain and Cold medicine. Here is a list. You can bring your donations to the patio on the weekend.

<b>Acetaminophen-</b> Tylenol ; any generic	325 mg or 500 mg -tabs or capsules	1,500 tabs
<b>Ibuprofen-</b> any generic	200 mg- tabs or capsules	1,500 tabs
<b>Naproxen-</b> Aleve, any generic	220 mg	400 doses
<b>Antihistamines-</b> Benadryl, Chlor-Trimeton, Allegra, Claritin, Zyrtec; any generic	Varies with brand	500 doses
<b>Cough and congestion-</b> Guaifenesin with dextromethorphan-Mucinex, Robitussin, Coricidin ; any generic	Varies with brand-Liquid or capsules	300 doses
<b>Antacids-</b> Tums, omeprazole, Prevacid, Tagamet, Maaloxranitidine, Gaviscon, Prilosec; any generic	Varies with brands	1,000 doses
<b>Antidiarrheal-</b> Immodium, PeptoB; any generic	capsules	40 doses
<b>Eye Drops-</b> Visine, Clear Eye, Visine-LR, Opcon; any generic	Individual bottles	20

# Mission

The Mission Committee determined that the October 6 Peace and Justice Offering will be shared with:

Frontera de Cristo - a Presbyterian Border Ministry - formed of: a Community Center, Mission Education - building relationship and understanding across borders, a Migrant Resource Center - addressing humanitarian needs, Family Ministry - focusing on sharing the gospel with un-churched persons, Church Development - two new churches in Agua Prieta and Hermosillo, and a Health Ministry. There is more information at [fronteradecristo.org](http://fronteradecristo.org)



**Family Promise** of Greater Phoenix is a proven program that helps homeless families get back on their feet by providing temporary shelter. For two days, 3-4 times a year, Orangewood participates in this program as another church (Palo Cristi Presbyterian) opens its doors to these families. Church members serve meals to the guests (who range in age from babies to adults), and are available to listen to them. Guests arrive around 5:30 PM, dinner is shared, sometimes evening fellowship then bed. In the morning families pack up, pick up and leave the church by 5:30 am heading to a Day Center where they shower, eat breakfast and then head to school, work or job training.

This program allows for families to stay together and be cared for. About 80% of these families are eventually transitioned into permanent housing.

Orangewood members are needed to provide food and overnight hosts. [JOIN the FAMILY PROMISE TEAM](#) of volunteers and benefactors to change the life of these families.

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Meal Host

- 5 pm –7 pm
- Providing food items for dinner for the guests (usually around 15 people)
- Cleaning up after the meals

### Overnight Host

- 7 pm—5:30 am
- Socializing with guests after dinner
- Chaperoning, staying the night in your own room, and being available in case of emergency (bring your own bedding)

IF

YOU ARE INTERESTED IN **PROVIDING A MEAL** or **CHAPERONING**:

[Oct. 16](#) and [Oct. 18](#) (both/either)

please contact: Mitra Khazai – 602-469-0480 or [mitrakhazai66@gmail.com](mailto:mitrakhazai66@gmail.com)

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